



# *Proclamation*

For centuries, the "cane" was used primarily as a tool for travel, but during the twentieth century, it took on a new role – alerting people to the fact that an individual was blind.

President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed the first National White Cane Safety Day on October 15, 1964, and since that time, it has been observed annually throughout our nation.

The white cane with a red band at the bottom is recognized throughout the United States and many other countries as a symbol of safety and independence for blind or visually impaired people, who are conducting their daily activities within the sighted communities.

Each of our states has “white cane laws” to protect the blind or visually impaired, and all of these laws require motorists to yield the right of way to the blind and visually impaired. These safety measures help these citizens to be active and productive members of society by protecting them as they travel to and from their destinations.

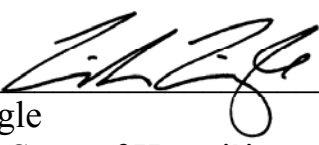
In observance of National White Cane Safety Awareness Day, Ho`opono Services for the Blind, a branch of the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, will host its annual White Cane Safety Awareness Day Walk on Friday, October 13, 2006 through downtown Honolulu.

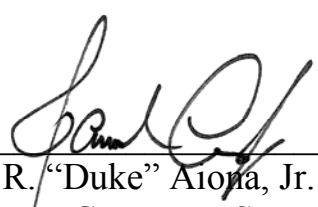
**THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai`i, and **I, JAMES R. “DUKE” AIONA, JR.**, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2006, as

## **NATIONAL WHITE CANE SAFETY AWARENESS DAY**

in Hawai`i, and encourage our citizens to be more aware of and alert to the use of the white cane as an instrument of safety and independence for the blind and visually impaired.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this eleventh day of October 2006.

  
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Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai`i

  
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James R. “Duke” Aiona, Jr.  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai`i